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This is in response to the Examiner's non-Final Office Action dated July 25, 2006, in which claims 1-5 and 12-14 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication and reconsideration of the claimed invention.